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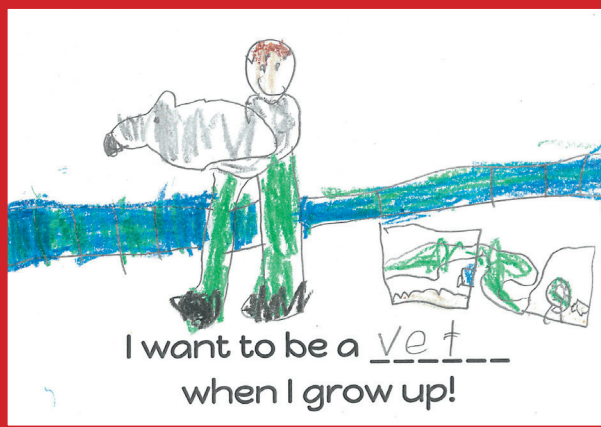
Washington School

Name: Aldina



I want to be a teshr
when I grow up! ^{teach}

Lincoln School



I want to be a vet
when I grow up!

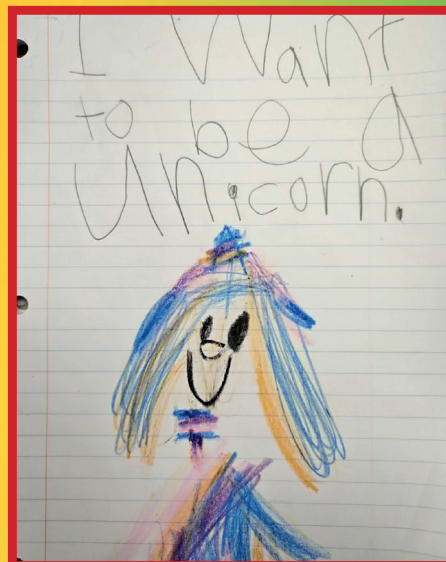
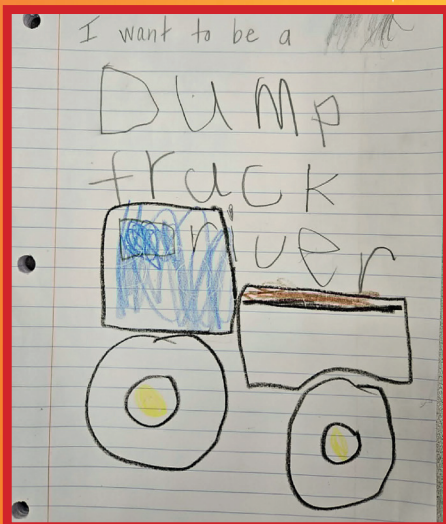
McKinley School



When I grow up, I want to be a
cowgirl

A
Special Section
Featuring
Kindergarteners
of Steele County

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In Honor of National Kindergarten Day

Get out your crayons—it's time for National Kindergarten Day! April 21 is the birthday of the German educator Friedrich Frobel, who founded the first play and activity institute called Kindergarten in 1873. He is credited with starting the very first kindergarten in Germany in 1837. In honor of National Kindergarten Day, we've asked Kindergarten students at Steele County's schools to let us know what they want to be when they grow up. Enjoy what the kindergarteners have shared about their futures! After all, they are our future!

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Mrs. Brun's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Willow Hemingway, Journee Stechmann, Finley Schweitzer, Wyatt Hanson and Kallen Shawback; middle row: Liam Peters, Kallie Moe, Remi Rasmussen, Ashon Evenson, Kylin Bishop, Everleigh Manges, Kaliah Brill; back row: Sterling Decker, Violet Zak, Kovie Evenson, Brooks Bastian, Levi Espe, Rowan Bush and Leo Schroeder.

Mrs. Brun's Class

Brooks Bastian—a paleontologist
Kylin Bishop—a teacher
Kaliah Brill—a teacher
Rowan Bush—work at a grain place that load truck and trains
Sterling Decker—in the Army
Levi Espe—work at Blooming

Prairie Cargill
Ashon Evenson—police officer
Kovie Evenson—an astronaut
Wyatt Hanson—a cowboy
Willow Hemingway—a bank worker
Everleigh Manges—a police officer

Kallie Moe—a police officer
Liam Peters—a police officer
Remi Rasmussen—a teacher
Leo Schroeder—a zoo keeper
Finley Schweitzer—a teacher
Kallen Shawback—a firefighter
Journee Stechmann—a mailman
Violet Zak—a teacher



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BLOOMING PRAIRIE



Mrs. Voss's Class

Astrid VandeKamp: A Hair Cutter
Thorsten Kremer: A Fireman
Berkley Herdina: A Nurse
Kali Payne: A Firefighter
Braxyn Bruggeman: A Farmer
Norah Bissell: A doctor like my mom
Camden Klemmensen:
A Peterbilt Truck Driver
Adan Luna: A Farmer
Reeve Oelkers: A Teacher
Liam LaMont: A WWE Fighter
or a butcher

Leo Busho: A Professional
Wrestler/Boxer
Poppy Miller: A Doctor
Jax Altepeter: A Soldier
Amelia Zvorak: A Vet
Tripp Schneider:
A Construction Worker
Myla Basness: A Teacher
Colton Hensel: A Farmer
Everly Boyd: A Police Officer

Mrs. Voss's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Tripp Schneider, Myla Basness, Colton Hensel and Everly Boyd; middle row: Reeve Oelkers, Liam LaMont, Leo Busho, Poppy Miller, Jax Altepeter and Amelia Zvorak; back row: Astrid VandeKamp, Thorsten Kremer, Berkley Herdina, Kali Payne, Braxyn Bruggeman, Norah Bissell, Camden Klemmensen and Adan Luna.



Mrs. Ostrander's Class

Aiden Arnett-Cop
Ava Bibus-Vet
Kooper Carr-Doctor
Grey Clayton-Teacher
Hazzard Davis-Kung Fu Teacher
Kade Erdahl-Elephant Protector
Carson Fett-Farmer
Emily Funk-Mom
Kymberly Glaser-Hair Salon Worker
Zander Hering-Fire Fighter

Hadley Ignaszewski-Vet
Aspyn Iverson-Teacher
Aria Johnson-Singer
Kasely Kalow-Soccer Coach
Aria Loecher-Soccer Coach
Ryker Motl-Fire Man
Thiago Ortega-Pig Farmer
Carter Robbins-Baseball Player
Mariah Thorson-Police

Mrs. Ostrander's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Aiden Arnett, Kooper Carr, Carter Robbins, Zander Hering, Aria Johnson, Carson Fett, Ryker Motl and Kade Erdahl; back row: Hadley Ignaszewski, Emily Funk, Kasely Kalow, Thiago Ortega, Aria Loecher, Aspyn Iverson, Mariah Thorson, Kymberly Glaser, Grey Clayton, Ava Bibus and Hazzard Davis.



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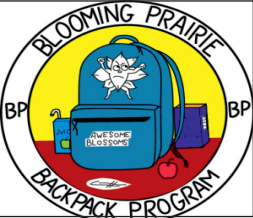
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Mrs. Dobberstein's Class

- Holden Arnold- semi truck driver
Monroe Blaschko- teacher
Wilder Bordelon- paleontologist
Anna Carroll- vet
Rhys Christensen- farmer
Mia-Mae Darcy- doctor
Braylee Doyle- princess
Hazel Garcia- doctor
Evan Jellum- military person
Lindsey Kennedy- vet
- Graham LeBlanc- train engineer
Anora Miller- vet
Oliver Miskowiec- a go-cart driver
Kenlee Nelson- doctor
Miles Pederson- hunter
Rae Phillips- teacher
Magnolia Roberts- vet
Ella Schwering- doctor
Vincent Tucker- snow plow driver

Mrs. Dobberstein's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Monroe Blaschko, Wilder Bordelon, Hazel Garcia, Ella Schwering, Rhys Christensen and Kenlee Nelson; middle row: Miles Pederson, Oliver Miskowiec, Lindsey Kennedy, Magnolia Roberts, Braylee Doyle, Mia-Mae Darcy and Holden Arnold; back row: Vincent Tucker, Rae Phillips, Anora Miller, Graham LeBlanc, Anna Carroll and Evan Jellum.



Mr. Beynon's Class

- Krewden Jacobson- bus driver
Halejna Bennett- ballet dancer
Bowen Sterner- football player
Mazikeen Kadrlík- teacher
Braxton Wenzel- farmer
Marayah Jensen- ballet dancer
Nathanael Clay- BMW driver
Madelyn Bovino- teacher
Sawyer Hagen- football player
Millie Gonzalez- first grade teacher
- Aiden Hackett- astronaut
Olivia Sletten- cheerleader
Harper Wenzel- teacher
William Torley- kindergarten teacher
Evalinh Holliday- dancer
Elija Hallman- truck driver
Maisie Dobberstein- veterinarian
Walker Billing- motorcycle driver
Alex Flatness- actor

Mr. Beynon's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Harper Wenzel, William Torley, Evalinh Holliday, Elijah Hallman, Maisie Dobberstein, Walker Billing and Alex Flatness; middle row: Nathanael Clay, Madelyn Bovino, Sawyer Hagen, Aiden Hackett and Oliva Sletten; back row: Krewden Jacobson, Halejna Bennett, Bowen Sterner, Mazikeen Kadrlík, Braxton Wenzel and Marayah Jensen. Not pictured: Millie Gonzalez.



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Mrs. Jensen's Class

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Hadley Johnson- doctor | Rylie Fetchenhier- monster truck driver |
| Ethan Shaffer- firefighter | Rayna Diaz- veterinarian |
| Ryker Rosacker- police officer | Jhene Rolfer- dancer |
| Raya Camerer- teacher | Emmett Moody- dad |
| Ava Wagner- police officer | Quinn Quade- singer |
| Owen Ripka- firefighter | Jaynie Burgdorf- veterinarian |
| Auden Smith- gymnast | |
| Evelynn Callegan- veterinarian | |

Mrs. Jensen's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Auden Smith, Evelynn Callegan, Rylie Fetchenhier, Rayna Diaz, Jhene Rolfer, Emmett Moody and Quinn Quade; back row: Hadley Johnson, Ethan Shaffer, Jaynie Burgdorf, Ryker Rosacker, Raya Camerer, Ava Wagner and Owen Ripka.



MEDFORD

Mrs. Miller's Class:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rhett Anderson- A Hunter | Lily Ludwig- Police Officer |
| Eleanor Dale- Artist | Huey Noble- Hunter |
| Landon Filley- Policeman | America Seha- Horse Trainer |
| Jayla Fuentes- Doctor | Carter Shuda- Police Officer |
| Vanessa Hansen- Vet | Stella Wagner- Teacher |
| Leighton Hauge- Teacher | Aurora Ward- Teacher |
| Matthew Jenö- Farmer | Vance Wetmore- Zoologist |
| Everly Jewison- Artist | |
| Cade Lamont- Baseball Player | |

Mrs. Miller's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Lily Ludwig, Leighton Hauge, Aurora Ward, Matthew Jenö and Huey Noble; middle row: Vanessa Hansen, Eleanor Dale, Cade Lamont, Vance Wetmore and Stella Wagner; back row: Landon Filley, Everly Jewison, Jayla Fuentes, Carter Shuda and Rhett Anderson. Not pictured: America Seha.



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MEDFORD



Mrs. Jensen's Class:

Juniper Wold- Scientist
Witt Kasper- Firefighter
Mia House- Pop Star
Felix Reyes- Firefighter
Kadley Ulrich- Teacher
Blake Waterston- Farmer
Harper Haakonson- A Mom
Walker Ihlenfeld- Policeman

Axel Johnson- Construction Worker
Kendahli McKinney- Teacher
Everest White- Babysitter
Thea Rush- Teacher
Owen Svenby- Builder
Amelia Mitchell- Military Doctor
Roman Pearson- Police Officer

Mrs. Jensen's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Kendahli McKinney, Everest White, Thea Rush and Owen Svenby; middle row: Blake Waterston, Harper Haakonson, Walker Ihlenfeld and Axel Johnson; back row: Juniper Wold, Witt Kasper, Mia House, Felix Reyes and Kadley Ulrich. Not pictured: Amelia Mitchell and Roman Pearson.



Mrs. Padgett's Class:

Willow: Basketball Player
Luna: Doctor
Jovelyn: Police Officer
Hadley: Police Officer
Caiden: Dad
Regina: Vet
Maverick: Teacher
Easton: Astronaut

Roman: Police Officer
Colton: Construction Worker
Louella: Teacher
Mason: Zoo Teacher
Biensay: Doctor
James: Police Officer
Naela: Vet
Arlo: Lineman

Mrs. Padgett's kindergarten class includes: front row, from left: Colton Miller, Louella Miller, Mason Nibbe, Biensay Perez, James Pratt, Naela Starkson and Arlo Welch; middle row: Caiden Jensen, Regina Johannes, Maverick Lewis, Easton Lique and Roman Mendoza; back row: Willow Anderson, Luna Arendt, Jovelyn Halla and Hadley Hedberg.



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Lincoln Elementary

Stephanie Kingland's Class

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jace - farmer | Max - dump truck driver |
| Natalie - dancer | Marcella - princess |
| Lydia - zookeeper | Ava - teacher |
| Eve - unicorn | Truett - McDonald's worker |
| Faith - princess | Major - police officer |
| Braye - firefighter | Alakai - football player |
| Arabella - teacher | Myla - hair cutter |
| Dawson - teacher | Blair - princess |
| Karter - soccer player | Daisy - ballerina |

Jaime Randall's Class

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Moudin - restaurateur | Maximus - policeman |
| Ryden - computer worker | Delilah - nail technician |
| Dream - scientist | Sydney - cook |
| Parker - policeman | Ryker - mailman |
| Brooklyn - veterinarian | Maisie - teacher |
| Isabella - pizza girl | Josh - policeman |
| Aidan - mechanic | Lily - daycare provider |
| Penelope - nurse | Mollie - teacher |
| Preslee - policeman | Shaylee - teacher |
| Carlos - teacher | Renley - builder of houses |
| Pasyn - policeman | Nicole - scientist - botanist |

Lori Thompson's Class

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ramsey - scuba diver | Tobin - vet |
| Chieng - soccer player | Alivia - scientist |
| Benjamin - superhero | Miguel - Olympic athlete |
| Galilee - farmer | Alayna - teacher |
| Jace - painter | Parker - zookeeper |
| Ava - teacher | Kai - police officer |
| Emma - queen | Rosalie - vet |
| Ozlynn - vet | Iris - ballerina |
| William - paleontologist | Kregan - bone picker (x-ray) |
| Isabella - fisherwoman | Lydia - firefighter |



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McKinley Elementary

Danika Beck's Class



- Melody - teacher
Zayd- I don't know
Edison - doctor
Bodie - I don't know
Mahamed - I don't know
Everest - policeman
Malachi - I don't know
Sophia - teacher
- Natalie - vet
Alex superhero
Infinity - teacher
Leo - firefighter
Maddie - singer/artist
Jailix - doctor
Lucy - cashier
- Dustin - policeman
Briella - teacher
Aiubrynn - I don't know
Roman - I don't know
Jovanny - rapper
Jesusannys - teacher

Courtney Hugstad-Vaa Leer's Class



- William - archaeologist
Akash - science museum man
Charlie - video game designer
Thomas - teacher
Lena - nurse
Lorenzo - wrestler
Riley - vet
Axel - paramedic
- Anam - doctor
Case - police officer with a helicopter
Imran - police officer
Camila - police officer
Yuliams - police officer
Jesse - police officer
Ellie - doctor & nurse
- Fatima - ninja
Lucy - nurse
Ryker - Plumber
Nolan - teacher
Luciano - police officer
Angelina - teacher



Jen Schlauderaff's Class

- Abeer - police officer
Jocelyn - artist principal
Rylee - vet
Emmanuel - firefighter
German - firefighter
Odin - gamer
Kendra - doctor
- Paislee - teacher
Aria - daycare lady
Wyatt - firefighter
Cash - police officer
Jadiel - firefighter
Evianna - doctor
Amaris - Elsa
- Savannah - artist
Sophia - teacher
Gianni - teacher
Kyron - wants to save animals
Temperance - teacher
Abdirahaman - police officer

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Washington Elementary

Melinda Clugston's Class



- Lex - construction worker

Darby - teacher

Decklen - astronaut/YouTuber

Noah - racecar driver

Kobe - racecar driver

Arabella - ballerina

Jackson - snowplow driver

Andres - firefighter
- Mckinley - teacher

Olivia - doctor

Mena - doctor

Waylen - ballerina

Amari - doctor

Lukas - police officer

Khalid - YouTuber
- Navionna - ballerina

Rosie - veterinarian

Luna - doctor

Ja'Laiah - doctor

Riggs - snowplow driver

Emma - art teacher

Jack - painter

Jessica Heins' Class



- Ava - McDonald's worker

Alex - doctor

Emily - daycare

Octavia - guitarist

Sadie - doctor and teacher

Novalee - cop

Violet - YouTuber
- Zach - YouTuber

Willow - princess

Emilia - chef

Natalia - chef

Kai - dad

Alma - gardener

Jackson - police
- Caden - construction worker

Cooper - police

Blakely - doctor

Lilianna - mechanic

Mia - baker

Mila - daycare



Jill Petersen's Class

- Jordy - helicopter pilot

Miles - Minecraft Youtuber

Crew - soccer coach

Ryker - Minecraft Youtuber

Brylen - ice cream worker

Cecelia - dance teacher

Bree - vet and painter
- Brynn - princess

Max - park ranger

Reagan - cop

Cora - teacher

Hayden - gymnastics teacher

Mateo - police

Ozzy - Youtuber
- Fischer - gamer

Cody - vet

Lauren - teacher

Laylen - gymnastics teacher

Kenzee - music teacher

Emerson - singer

Zayla - vet



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Wilson Elementary

Michelle Nelson's Class

Anissa Williams' Class



Adelina - geologist
Anwar - soccer player
Ashly - doctor
Carolina - singer
Diego - firefighter
Eleanor - dancer

Freya - cop
Gracelyn - cop
Isiah - zookeeper
Jasper (no answer)
Kaiden - chef
Lincoln - storm chaser

Malachi - doctor
Oaklyn - singer
Tenley - firefighter
Vincent - policeman
Weston - football player
Zenovia - mom



Addison - ballerina
Aldous - artist/crafter
Alicia - police officer
Aubrielle - teacher
Archer - construction worker
Camila - vet

Esqueiberlin - teacher
Harmony - doctor
Jackson - gas station worker
Johanna - teacher
Kaiden - race car driver
Lettie - veterinarian

Lincoln - chef
Matteo (no answer)
Oliver - security guard
Reina - doctor
Ryker - plumber
Ulysses - police officer

OWATONNA

Washington Elementary

Alecia Peterson's Class



George - zookeeper
Ray - mechanic
Braxton - dad
Carrigan - teacher
Valerie - baker
Noah - pole fixer

Hadley - artist
Tori - cowgirl
Margo - hockey player
Gregg - police officer
Nolan - boat driver
Lilly - teacher

Victoria - police officer
Isla - mom
Brooks - hockey player
Tyson - gym teacher
Aurora - baker
Jocelyn - baker

OWATONNA

Wilson Elementary

Megan Kristo's Class (Jorja Bluhm- Long-term Sub)



Axel - bus driver
Nabila - princess
Keilani - teacher
Noah - gym teacher
Cedric - gym teacher
Luke - gym teacher

Vada - police officer
Brentley - baker
Valentina - teacher
Landen - police officer
Maddison - ballerina
Laila - police officer

Amelia - teacher
Declan - police officer
Spencer - teacher
Helena - ballerina

Molly Turek's Class



Omer - undecided
Iris - scientist
Jaxon - racecar driver
Atlas - fireman
Nawal - vet
Hunter - mechanic

Lennox - kindergarten teacher
Maleia - hairstylist
Sawyer - vet
Dalmar - police officer
Elenora - police officer
Vinny - first grade teacher

Kai - police officer
William - police officer
Ally - teacher
Elijah - police officer
Leilani - police officer
Tayven - vet



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